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PROF TWO SERES WILL

# RAILWAY COMMUNICATION **ESTABLISHED**

Between Bloemfontein and Cape Town-Satisfactory Condition Continues.

RUSSIA THE ONLY POWER

That Failed to Starnly Refuse to Mediate for the Stoppage of the War.

LONDON, March 17, 4:20 a. m .- With the railway communication to the Cape intact, Lord Roberts will in a very few days be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria. His deep political on, combined with his bold strategy, is having the result desired in the southern sections of the Orange Free State, which are rapidly calming down Mafeking is now the only point for anxiety and as it is known that a force has left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass. The efficiency of the relieving column is heightened by the fact that it is partly osed of regulars.

In the lobbles of parliament, last evning, it was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free State is abolished and promising Free Staters who immediately surrender due consid-

It is understood that all the continental powers, with one exception, unnisingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose reply was couched in less firm language, although, like the others, she declined o interfere. It is said that the Pope vas also appealed to, but that he declined to do anything beyond writing letter to the queen, appealing to her o stop the further effusion of blood. Dr. Leyds' efforts with King Leopold were quite futile.

The possibility of the destruction of Johannesburg is still discussed here but it is believed here that the French and German shareholders would offer a strong protest.

The latest advices respecting the sur render of Bloemfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stampede. Thirteen trains, each composed of forty cars, and all crammad with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Steyn would have been compelled to surrender; but he part of any outside power. But President McKinley, unlike the French premier, is face to face with that most awkward factor, his November presidential election, and wa know not even the Boers got the bulk of their wagons.

"Let us be thankful we have a Pauncefote, not a Sackville West, at render of Bloemfontein show that the The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

LONDON, March 17.-The Daily Mail publishes an interview this mornin with Mr. Cecil Rhodes, secured by Mr Julian Ralph, in the course of which complaining of the "bungling of the home authorities," he said:

"Gen. Buller's extraordinary orders to Lord Metheun were to relieve Kimberley, to take all the people away and to fall back to Orange river. You people in England have such wo ful ideas about Buller's generalship; but such a retreat would have been

Mr. Rhodes declared that there had only been 30,000 Boers in the field altogether, and that the foreign mercenaries were only about 15,000. The
numbers of the Boers, he said, has been
exaggerated, in order to explain the
exaggerated, in order to explain the only been 30,000 Boers in the field alexaggerated, in order to explain the British reverses.

# METHUEN'S REPORT

On the Battle of Magersfontein and Defeat of the British Forces Through Misunderstanding of Orders and Trust in Traitorous

LONDON, March 16.-The Gazette this evening publishes General Lord Methuen's report of the actions at Ma gersfontein. December 10 and 11, dated rom the Modder river. February 15. After explaining the difficulties of any attempt to outflank 16,000 Boers and ar-guing that a blow dealt at the Boer enter at Magersfontein would be more effective, he says his orders were to relieve Kimberley and therefore the day the last reinforcements arrived he decided to attack Magersfontein kopje The general then proceeds to describe the artillery bombardment of the posi-tion and how the Highland brigade was led to the point of assault after the late Major General Andrew G. Wauchope had previously explained all he in-tended to do and the particular part each battailon was expected to play.

Lord Methuen then says:

"Two rifles accidentally went off and the flashes from a lantern gave the

enemy timely notice of the march."

The report then proceeds to show General Wauchope deployed his men too late and suddenly the Boers poured in a heavy fire. Colonel Hughes-Hal-lett ordered the Seaforths to charge and ushed back through the ranks of the Scaforths. Colonel Hughes-Hallett ordered the latter to lie down and not re tire. After a while the colonel again tried to reach the trenches, 400 yards off, but the officers and half the men fell before the heavy fire which opened after the men moved. Ten minutes later the Seaforths tried another rush, with the same result. Colonel Hughes-Hal-lett then decided to await orders. After describing sending the Gordons and Guards to support the Highland brig-

received instructions to remain in his BLUEFIELD position until dusk and the enemy were then quitting the trenches in tens and

tood his orders, and he made no fur ther remark. He died at the head or his brigade, where his name will al-ways remain honored and respected. "His military reputation and attain-ments disarm all criticism. Every sol-dier in my division deplores his loss. He was a fine soldier and a true comther remark. He died at the head of

The attack falled. The Highlanders were ready enough to raily, but the paucity of officers and non-commissioned officers made it difficult. I artical no blame to this splendid brigade."

The report then proceeds to pay a high tribute to the conduct of all the troops under conditions as hard as can be imagined, and mentions especially a number of officers and men for distin-guished acts of courage already second-ed in the newspaper dispatches.

### FRIENDLY MEDIATION

Would be Undertaken by Germany Provided Both Parties Desire It. Suggests How to Find Out Whether the Desire Exists on the Part of

PRETORIA, Wednesday, March 14, via Lourenso Marques, Thursday, March 15.—The German consul has handed the following dispatch to Pres-

"The government of Germany and the emperor will be giad and ready to assist in friendly mediation as soon as it is demonstrated that both opponents desire mediation. Whether the desire already exists on the British side can be found by the republics on direct in-quiry at London or through the good offices of a third government, which has no important interests of its own to consider in South Africa. The lat ter assumption is qualified with a num-ber of nations in and outside Europe but not with Germany. Any such step on the part of the German government would awake suspicions and have other would awake suspicions and have other than a humanitarian visw. The increased mistrust thereby engendered would not promote a peaceable settlement. The request of the republics to transmit their appeal for mediation to the Austro-Hungarian and Swiss government, whose interests are watched by the German consulate, has been immediately fuffilled."

# SALISBURY'S REPLY

Puts an End to All Talk of "Friendly Good Offices." LONDON, March 16.-Outlook, con

menting on Lord Salisbury's reply to the United States' offer of mediation,

Pauncefote, not a Sackville West, at Washington, for we shall need all our tact and firmness there these next few

### ROBERTS' CRITICISM Of General Gatacre's Defeat at Stormberg.

LONDON, March 16, 7:42 p. m.—Lord Roberts, in transmitting General Gat-acre's report of the Stormberg defeat, gives his opinions thus:

gives his opinions thus:
"The failure was mainly due to reliance on inaccurate information regarding the ground to be traversed to
the position held by the Boers, to the
employment of too small a force and to
the men being tired out by a long night rch before they came in contact guides were leading the column in the wrong direction, I consider Gatacre should have halted and endeavored to find a proper road, or should have fellen back on Molteno, rather than have risked the safety of the entire force by following a route which have halted around the safety of the entire force by following a route which have halted as a possible with the ultimate oben once on safety of the entire force by following a route which brought the troops into difficult ground commanded on both sides by Boers."

# BLOEMFONTEIN

Practically in Rail Communication With Cape Town.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Friday, March 16. General Clements crossed the Orange ver yesterday. Repairs to the raildge at Norval's Pont have commenced, and it will shortly be ready for traffic. General Polo-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein is now practically in rall roclamation is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred burgh-ers have expressed their intention to surrender their arms and return to

surrender their arms and return to their occupations. The resident commissioner at Basu-toland reports that eight hundred Boers lately arrived from Bloemfontein, and that a further contingent from Aliwal only waiting to know the terms of my proc They have refused to attend a council at Kroonstadt to which President Steyn had summoned them.

# RUMOR

That Kruger Has Annexed the Orange Free State.

BETHULIE. Orange Free State,
Thursday, March 18.—General Gatacre,
on arriving here, found that all the
Boers had fied. The town was nearly
deserted, the Dutch having trekked on hearing of the occupation of Bloemfon tein. It is believed that the Boers re tired in the direction of Deweis Dorp. The telegraph is open to Springfontein.
It is understood here that President Kruger two days ago annexed the Or ange Free State to the South African republic.
LONDON, March 16.—Lord Roberts

Colonel Hughes-Hal- has sent the fellowing dispatch to the war office:

To Look After Missionary Interests. Ouards to support the Highland brigade. Lord Methuen continues:
"At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the
Seafortha were exposed to a heavy
cross fire, the order to retire was
given and the greater part of the casualties then occurred. This was an unfortunate retirement for Hallett. He

# BUILDING.

Favorable Report on a Bill for the Erection of a Postoffice at Bluefield, Costing \$75,000.

# NEW BANK AT MARLINGTON

Numerous Applications for Exchange of Bonds Under the Operation of Finance Bill.

Special Dispatch to the Intellige WASHINGTON, March 16 .- The sen ate committee on public buildings and grounds of which Senator Scott is a member, to-day, made a favorable report on the senator's bill aproportating \$75,000 for the erection of a postoffice building at Bluefield, West Virginia, The bill contains the usual provisions as to purchase of site and for construc-

Wilitia Appropriation.

The house committee on militia today decided to report favorably the bill increasing the appropriation for the national guard and militia of the coun try from \$400,000 to \$2,000,000 annually This action is believed to be the out come in large part of the agitation upon the part of the friends of the nations A delegation comprising the adjutant generals of the organisation throughout the country having pre-sented the matter forcibly before the mmittee quite recently. General Appleton represented West Virginia in the

First National Bank of Marlington The comptroller of the currency to day authorized a corporation to be known as the First National Bank of Marlington, West Virginia, to do business on a capital of \$25,000. This is but one of several institutions to receive such authority to-day, and it is said the applications on file and not yet acted upon number hundreds.

The movement is the direct result of the adoption of the financial bill by Congress, a provision which permits the organization of banks in small towns, on a capital less than that required of nstitutions under the old law. Another result of the operation of the new law is that the treasury is in daily receipt of change of bonds for the new 2 per cen securities. Since Wednesday, it is said, up to the close of business to-day the ount covered by these applications is between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, Many people are inquiring whether or not the exchange of bonds is obligatory, and the treasury officials are kept busy answering in the negative.

State banks are changing to nationa banks in many instances.

Upon the recommendation of Repre entative Dovener, H. O. Hamric has By the Palmer and Buckner Demo been appointed postmaster at Tate, Braxton county, West Virginia.

Change in Name Necessary Mr. Dovener was to-day notified that change of name would be necessary for a new postoffice in Marshall county, West Virginia. The patrons selected Marquis as the name, but it was so nearly a duplicate for Marquess, an office already in existence in the state, that the department officials feared confusion would arise, and a change was therefore required.

The Quay Case to be Taken Up Two Weeks from Next Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, March 16.-After ebate at times spirited, extending over parts of two days, the senate to-day passed the Puerto Rican relief appropriation bill. As passed the measur carries \$2,995,000, the President being authorized to use that sum "for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes" Puerto Rico, Mr. Allen (Neb.) offered to the bill, declaring that the constitution extends over Puerto Rico by its own force, but it was lost by the decisive vote of 36 to

Mr. Jones (Ark.) withdrew a free trade amendment offered by him, and that proposition, therefore, did not reach a vots. Other efforts to amend the bill were fruitless.

An order was made by the senate as to consideration of the case of former Senator Quay it being unanimously agreed that it should be taken up two weeks from next Tuesday and discussed until disposed of, the discussion hot to interfere with the unfinished business, the Spooner bill authorizing the president to govern the Philippines until otherwise directed, the appropriation bills or conference reports.

# Private Bill Day in the House.

This was the first private bill day the house under the new rule. About two hours were spent in the discussion of a bill to pay Representative Swanson \$1,709 for extra expenses incurred by him in his contest in the last Congress, but the bill was ultimately abandoned. Six bills of minor importance

the appropriation for the institutal guard and militia of the country from \$400,000 to \$2,000,000 animally. The bill has attracted widespread attention in militial circles, a committee representing the organizations of all the states having been here recently to carry forward the movement begun at their national convention. vention.

# FOR PUERTO RICO

Senate Passed the Bill Appropriating for Use in the Island the Customs Revenue Collected-Placed in the Hands of the President for Dis-

f the Puerto Rican bill passed by the enate to-day, is as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., that the sum of \$2,095,455 being the amount of customs evenue received on importations by the United States from Puerto Rico since the evacuation of Puerto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 18th of October, 1898, to the 1st of January, 1900, shall be placed at the disposal of the President, to be used for the government now existing and which may hereafter be established in Puerto Rico, and for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes ther and the said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropri-ated for the purposes herein specified, out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

# PERHAPS FATAL

Shooting Affray at Mannington-The Victim a Well-Known Oil Man. Burglary-Good "Pumper" Devel oped at Mouth of Flat Run.

rat Dispatch to the Intelligencer. This afternoon about 8 o'clock a shooting bee took place in a notorious hou on East Main street, the principals be ing Ida Gallihue and John Ryan, a well known man in the oil country. Ryan went to the house and asked admission and was refused, as he had been warr ed not to further bother the woman. He insisted on being admitted, and be ing refused tried to force his way in. He was fired on by the Gallinue through the door, the ball taking effect with perhaps fatal results, in the abdomen, the shot lodging in the thigh. The woman gave herself up to Mayor Christy, and gave bond for a hearing.

D. E. Brown's planing mill, did damage to the extent of \$50 this morning. Burglars entered Caleb Burt's resi dence last evening, and secured \$200 worth of plunder. The police have a

A small blaze in the botler house of

greenlee's Morgan No. 1,at the mouth of Flat run, came in to-day and is good for a ten barrel pumper.

As was stated in the Advocate to-day your correspondent wishes to state that Dr. O. C. Bradley was not a delegate to the Parkersburg convention, and no a member of any committee connected with that convention, whatever.

# A SCHEME ON FOOT

crats to Capture the National Convention-Governor Stone Desires that They Show Fruits Meet for Repentance.

ST. LOUIS, March 16 .- To a Post-Dispatch representative Governor Stone

'Some sort of a scheme is on foot, although I am not able yet to say def-initely what it is. From information that came to me at Washington and since I gather that the end which the Palmer and Buckner Democrats are trying to attain is the capture of the Puerto Rico, Passed the Senate. capturing the national committee. They will be for Bryan, but they want the

organisation. Speaking for myself, I am very glad see the Palmer and Buckner Demo to see the gainer and Bucker Demo-crats who deserted the party in 1896, come back to it. I do not believe in of-fering a premium for their return. If they come back they should come with no hope of reward, but as plain Demorats. I do not believe in giving them

crats, I do not believe in giving them
the management of the campaign.
"That there is some scheme, such
as has been alleged, on foot I have no
doubt. It is shown by many bits of
evidence that have cropped out recent-

# ONE MAN CREMATED. Two Fatally Burned and Two Seriou

ly Injured at Pittsburgh.

PITTEBURGH, Pa., March 16.—B) the fail of a "hang" at the Monongaheir Furnace Company at McKeepport to day one man was cremated, two fatally burned and two others bedly injured. George Martin is the cremated man leorge Curvan and Sydney Jacks ry is impossible. Stephen Stoboswand John Boronecke were badly burn

but will recover.

Epiceions of this character are frequent in this section, but the absolute duent in this section, but the absolute disappearance of Martin lends an air of mystery to the affair that makes it unique. Three hundred tons of molten unique. Three number when in the pro-ore, coke and minerals, used in the pro-duction of pig fron, became fast in the furnace, and Martin and Curvan, as top fillers, tried to dislodge it. Suddenly the entire mass fell, com

pressing the sas startific explosion.

Not a trace of Martin's body can be found. Curran, when discovered, was in horrible shape and can hardly live until morning. The other men who were at the bottom of the furnace fared some better, but Jackson is so badly burned. that his recovery is next to impossible

### SILVER TO BE ELIMINATED From the Coming Democratic Nation-

al Platform.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—Ex-Governor William J. Stone, Democratic national committeeman from Missouri, said today he believed there was some truth in the statement that there is a movement among eastern Democrats to elect Tom L. Johnson, of Ohlo, chairman of favorable report on the bill of Representative March, of Illinels, increasing silver from the platform. al Platform.

# WILL DEMAND TO BE SWORN

As a Representative from Alabama and Will Present Himself at the Bar of th

# WABHINIGTON, March 18.—The text HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Looks Hale and Hearty, and Says the War in Philippines is Practically Ended.

WASHINGTON, March 18. General Wheeler came over to the war depart-ment this afternoon. In the absence of Secretary Root he reported formally to Adjutant General Corbin, thus complying with the order from the department which brought him from Manila so The general was in the Washington. uniform of a brigadier general of the volunteer army. He looked the picture of health; better than when he left Washington for Manils. He gave General Corbin a brief description of the conditions in Luson when he left. He insisted that the war was over, and that nothing more was to be done except to run down a few guerrillas and irregulars. There was difficulty in this work, he said, and there was danger, too, but its prosecution was not "war." Ambuscades were frequent and annoying, and t was not easy to tell whether the hidden force was strong or weak; three men had been mistaken for a company,

in some cases. The general said that the American troops are doing splendid work there. They are sound and healthy, and in quite as good shape as they would be at home, engaged in similar service. This was owing, in a measure, to the excellent care for their men exhibited by officers and to the watchful precautions of the staff of the army.

General Wheeler said that as soon as his resignation had been accepted by the President, he intended to make the issue as to his right to a seat in the house of representatives from Alabama. He says the issue will not be one for the decision of Speaker Henderson. He will present himself at the bar of the house and ask to be sworn in. As he under stood the rules, the speaker will have no option, but must submit the matter

General Wheeler was confident that the decision would be in his favor, though he realized that there might be some delay owing to a reference of his case to the committee on elections. At the conclusion of his intervie with General Corbin, General Wheeler went over to the white house, his purpose being to secure speedy action upon his resignation. It is learned that such action has been withheld by the President only to legalize General Wheeler's traveling expenses and per diem up to the moment of his arrival in Washing-

General Wheeler was with the President some time. On leaving the white house he said his resignation had not yet been accepted, but he expected a ecision would be reached within a few days.

# AMENDED ANSWER In the Beckham-Taylor Consolidated

Suit Filed With Judge Field at Louisville - Constitutional Points Elaborated, and Conditions Prevailing at Frankfort Set Forth. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 18.-The terest.

amended answer of the Republicans in the Beckham-Taylor consolidated suit involving the governorship was filed with Judge Pield in the circuit court to- the circuit court to-day Harriet E. day. It has been in preparation by ex-Musgrave was granted a divorce a Governor Bradley, Judge Yost and other mensa et there from Benjamin Musattorneys since Judge Field's recent decision declaring his court had no juris-diction in the case and that his court could not review the action of the legis-lature seating Beekham. The amended lature seating Bookham. The amended payment of assessments for street pavanswer is made principally to perfect ing, were decided in favor of the town. the record before the case is taken to These cases were hotly contested. the court of appeals, and, if possible, to Every possible question in them was the United States supreme court. This raised, including the constitutionality purpose is shown by an elaboration in the answer of the constitutional points town to lay the pavements and to levy which were raised in the recent suit before Judge Taft at Cincinnati. It is asearted that even if the proceedings of the legislature so far have confirmed tice. The court adjourned for the term to the state constitution, they are in Frank Cox, of Morgantown, as special riolation of sections 5 and 14 of the federal constitution, which forbid the exercise of arbitrary power by the state or any department thereof, whereby any this point this week will probably show person may be deprived of life, liberty or property, including therein the enjoyment of honors and the occupation of itions of trust and emolument. From viciation of this principle, it is declared, the defendants have suffered. The power of the legislature to determine ontests for the office of governor and lieutenant governor is held to be judicial in nature and subject to the same restrictions and limitations to which judicial power is ordinarily subjected. The next most important contention

relates to the conditions in Frankfort proclamation adjourning the legislature to London, Ky., the purpose being to attack the validity of anything done by the legislature, while that proclamation

It is declared that intense excitement existed following the shooting of Wm. change of the date of meeting of the Goebel, threats of blowing up public freely made, the public peace was threatened and there was a general state of confliction, insurrection and danger to life and property. The re-mainder of the answer relates to all ged irregularities in the proceedings of the ceive the queen, and contest boards, notably a refusal to act seribed for decorations.

upon objections filed as to the con tency of certain members of the b and arbitrary restrictions staced upon the sixting of testimods, which, it is as-sering, worked to the injury of the de-

# CONFERENCE

ar Frankfort on the Situation-Understood Governor Taylor Will Ap-peal to the President to Recognize Him as Governor.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 18.-Gov. ernor Taylor spent the entire day at the executive massion to-day,in conference with Republican leaders, chief among m were John W. Yerkes, of Danrille, and D. W. Lindsay, of this city. It is understood that a memorial to President McKinley, asking him to intervene and take a hand in the politica contests was the subject of this con-ference, but as several of those called to the conference did not arrive, a deision was not reached as to the exact terms of the message that will be sent to the President. Governor Taylor rafused to-night to state the contents or he import of the appeal to President McKinley, but it is said the governor expressed a desire for a small body of troops and also for support in the way of recognition of his claims as governor.

### Refuses to Talk.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 16,-Hon. John W. Yerkes is here to-night on his only by lessening reliance upon them return from a conference with Governor Paylor, at Frankfort. He stated in reference to the story that he was delegated to take a message from Governor Taylor to President McKinley asking for the assistance of the national govproment in the fight for the gubernator. ported, against 99,854,984 last year. far as he is concerned or advised. He er less than it has been in recent refuses to talk on the future plans of

# GOVERNOR TAYLOR

the President.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 18.—Gov-ernor Taylor is said to have prepared a of Danville, and other Republican lead-ers, were called in conference at the excutive mansion and the paper submitted to them. A committee to be headed by Mr. Yerkes is to be sent to Washington to lay before the President whatever message is agreed on by the con-

# LEXINGTON

rand Jury to Take Action in Case of the "Suspects."

of the "Suspecta."

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 16.—The cases of Secretary of State Powers and Capt Davis were again called to-day before Pelice Judge Riley. George J. Denny, ir., for the defense, asked for a rule against Chief of Police John McD. Rose to show cause why the prisoners were not in court to answer. Judge Riley held that as he issued neither warrants nor mittamus in the case, and as the prisoners had been in charge of the sheriff and not of the police, neither was the chief responsible, nor did his court have jurisdiction. He therefore ordered all records before him taken before the grand jury for investigation. Before the grand jury Thomas E. Cromwell, who swore to the affidavits against Powers and Davis; Police Chief and Capt. John McD. Ross and Jerry Reagan, Detective Jenkins, the local force and two solders, who were on the train when the arrests were made, were force and two soldiers, who were on the train when the arrests were made, were examined. Numerous other witnesses were sent for. The grand jury determined to thoroughly investigate, and may issue summens for the prisoners. Phenosluss.

# FROM FAIRMONT

Circuit Court-Divorce-Street Paying Assessments - Movement of Coke-Work on the New Court House-Miscellaneous Items of In-

FAIRMONT, grave. A hundred dellars a year allmony was allowed.

The cases of the town of Mannington against certain citizens, to enforce the Every possible question in them was of the act of 1895, which authorized the which the assessments were levied, J. H. Meredith was admitted to prac-

judge, held the court, presiding to the entire satisfaction of all the bar. The forwarding of coal and coke from a falling off as compared to last week, though 500 loads were moved on Sun-

day. Last week was the biggest here this year for moving freight. The direction of the forwarding has been mainly east. Shipments to St. Louis, nowever, are increasing. The car supply, which was short some weaks ago, is now ample, and the motive power seems to be equal to all require Nothing is now being diverted, every

thing going by the main line. Work on the new court house is progressing. The clock for the dome has arrived and will be put in position in a few weeks. Bishop Penick, pastor of the Epi

pal church, has given \$100 to the Cook hospital to be used as seen fit, The local Republican leaders have no information respecting the reported Republican State and District Delegate Conventions.

Queen to be Fittingly Received. DUBLIN, March 16.—At a meeting to-day, the lord mayor presiding, a com-mittee was appointed to fittingly re-ceive the queen, and £1,400 was sub-

Unfavorably, as Was Feared by Som Grain Movement Not so Strong

# HIGH PRICE NOT REALIZED

For Iron Products-While Markets Are Strong Quotations Have Not Advanced.

NEW YORK, March 18-R. G. Du Company's Weekly Review of Trade to-morrow will say:

The new monetary act which was signed and took effect on Wednesday, has not affected business perceptibly as yet. Designed as a barrier against future barm, it was by some expected to have immediate influence through provisions regarding banking circula-tion. While \$2,100,000 will be added to New York circulation the increase thu far indicated will be mainly interior, affecting the chief monetary centers when more currency is wanted

The grain movement is fading in importance. Corn exports have been in two weeks only 5,972,102 bushels, against 7,126,553 last year, though prior to March 122,982,623 bushels were exial chair; that there is nothing in it so wheat movement is falling behind rathweeks, owing partly to large Pacific shipments. Atlantic exports in two weeks have been 3,009,454 bushels, flour included, against 6,229,478 last year, and Pacific exports 2,566,077 bushels against Prepared a Statement and Appeal to 1,427,376 last year. While government estimates of wheat in farmers hands ernor Taylor is said to have prepared a supply to meet besides all home re-statement making a second appeal to President McKinley. John W. Yerkes. large surplus, there is no reason to ex pect that last year's foreign demand will be equalled. The price advanced 1%c for the week and corn advanced

> Zealous efforts to excite new confidence in higher prices for iron have not lars, have ordered a record made of the had the desired effect. While various case for the purpose of carrying it to markets are called stronger, not a quotation has advanced, but tank plates cents. Eastern grey force has sold of the lease now held by Weaver and there in considerable quantity at \$20.50 his co-tenants and perpetuated the inagainst \$21.00 for local force, and junction restraining Afren from the solution of the Southern No. 1 foundry is selling here at \$22.75 against \$23.50 for Northern. No. 1 Bessemer pig is still held at \$24.00 at Valley mills, though small lots are obtainable at Pittsburg at \$24.50. Many large contracts are mentioned as in prospect, but not one as closed except a structural contract for the govern ment printing office. Much work is de ferred because of the builders and machinists' strike at Chicago, and decrease of doubt whether prices can be held with the output exceeding consumption

over one thousand tons per day. Copper is strong and a shade higher, but large arrivals has caused some de

It is not strange that higher price have been asked for most cotton goeds, with the market for raw cotton higher than it has ben since January 10, 1893 and the break in its price-did not go far enough to change its situation. Print cleths at \$\%0 against \$4.06 carly in 1893 Standard and southern sheetings % to %e lower, and ginghams ic lower than in 1893, the mills would be asking more if they had not taken large sup-plies of cotton before the rise in February. The disposition to order goods ahead is much affected with about price and consumption would probably be affected if present prices were to continue.

Sales of wool have been only 7,223,500 pounds in two weeks. manufacturers have such supplies that they buy only to piece out for special wants, and the best dealers report that a yielding of one cent-would be required in order to fellect sales. Quotations are really riominal for lack of transactions. The mills are still producing great quantiwithout ties of goods Prices of leading goods have not de clined, but others, both plain and fancy, are somewhat weaker.

The yielding in satin leather has led to considerable sales of men's shoes at 25c decline, but the concessions recently made in boots by makers who held old stocks of leather are now refused, and it is claimed that transations in hemlock and oak sole have been larger than at any time since No vember. Most of the makers are receiving very slender orders. The market for hides at Chicago is again weaker, though the decline is not large. Failures for the week have been 198 in the United States against 189 last year, and 23 in Canada against 30 last

# DEEP SNOW

At Berkeley Springs-Thirteen and One-Half Inches.

Special Dispatch to the Intellige BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va., March his face. It is thought he was killed by 16.—The deepest snow since February of last year fell here yesterday and last It is thirteen and a half inches deep and has begun to drift. All trains are delayed.

# BRIDGE COMPLETED

Over Orange River and British Forces

Crossed. VANZYL, Thursday, March 15.-The bridge over the Orange river here has been completed. The British forces-have crossed, and to-night they are bivouscking on Freen State soil.

# MORGANTOWN MELANCE

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MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 16.

The West Virginia University has early fored; a literary feast this week in the readings of Mr. George Riddle, of Cambridge, Mass., the noted Shakespearens oridge, Mian, the noted conservation interpreter. The readings were given under the anapies of the school of electricity, and a large and cultured sufficience greated Mr. Riddle such night. On Monday night he gave Midsumme Night's Dream, on Wednesday night Lucretta Borgia and last night Twelvis Night. Mr. Riddle's presence was the occasion of several pleasant social functions given in his honor. A fact ty reception, given at the home Tyreception, given at Johnson, and change dish parties given by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Franer, Professor and Mrs. C. H. Patterson and Mrs. W. S. Aldrich, made up the social features of his visit.

The State Sunday School Association has secured Hon. Marion Lawrence, of Toledo, Ohio, to deliver a series of lec tures before the annual convention of the association, which will be held Ravenswood, April 17, 18 and 19, The citizens of Ravenswood are making elaborate preparations to entertain the convention. They have secured rates on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at two cents a mile, and a committee is now engaged in finding temporary homes for the visitors.

Class work at the university for the winter term closed to-day and the quarterly examinations will continue for a week. Then, after an intermission of a week, the spring term will be President David Starr Jordan, of Laland Stanford University, will be pres ent at the opening and give a lecture Mr. Archer, the noted Pittsburg orga showed a sufficient quantity with visible ist, will give a recital on the new pipe organ at the convention. The arrived this week, and is now being placed in the commencement hall

> The attorneys for the defendants in the case of Charles A. Weaver and others against Jerome B. Alken and other rs, which involves the title to oil prop erty worth seventy-five thousand the supreme court of appeals. At the

> The Iroguis Oil Company has been organised here with C. B. Dille, D. H. Courtney, Joseph H. McDermott, William S. Stevenson and I. C. White, as incorporators, and the company will at once begin the development of a number of lesses.

A letter from the Philippines anounces the promotion of Desmoines Utt, of Morgantown, to be color ser-geant of the Thirtieth volunteer regiment for conspicuous gallantry.

# BUCKHANNON BRINES.

Prof. Jelley Appreciated—Explosion of Gas Mains-Political.

cial Dispatch to the Intelligent BUCKHANNON, W. Vs., March 16. Prof. J. Jelley, director of the coni-nary conservatory of music, was unani-mously elected director of music as Lakeside (0.), Chatasaqua and Summus-School from July 3 to August 9. Mrs. Jelley will accompany the professor as pianist.

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An explosion occurred on the line of the Buckhannon Gas Company Wednesday. The line was being tested at 1,000 pounds pressure, preparatory to covering, and a defective Joint gave way. No one was hurt and no damage done, although the ditching gang, who were in the neighborhood, narrowly escaped injury.

District Respective njury. Ict Republican mass conventions

District Republican mass conventions will be held throughout the county, March 31 to select delegates to the various state conventions and to determine upon what date to hold the primary election. A part of the county, executive committee favor April 27 for the primary and others May 25, and the people will determine the date.

G. D. Westfall was arrested for breaking the quarantine rules and was held to await the action of the grand jury.

### MINGO TOWN HALL May be Sold to Satisfy Judgment for \$14.

ecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. Tunction town hall was appraised under may be sold under the hammer, as the town council refuses to pay \$14 damnges, judgment and costs, recovered against the town by Mrs. Cordelia Stewart.

# DEAD BODY

Of Joshua A. Ripley Near the Track Near Montgomery.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligent CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 16 .-The dead body of Joshua A. Ripley, aged fifty-six, was found this morning near the railroad track, a short distance above Montgomery. His neck was broken, and there were bruises about

# Weather Forecast.

a train.

Washing forecast for Saturday and Sunday; For West Virginia—Fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer Sunday; northwesterly winds, becoming variable. For Western Penneylvania and Chiopartiy cloudy Saturday, with snow flurries near the lakes. Sunday fair and warmer; fresh westerly winds, becoming variable. Local Temperature.

The temperature vesterday, as registered by C. Schneuf, druggist, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows;